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1. EMBASSY OTTAWA UNABLE TO PROVIDE POSITIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE HELPFUL BUT CAN PROVIDE NEGATIVE INFORMATION WHICH PERHAPS WILL PROVIDE SOME INTERESTING HINDSIGHTS.

2. A QUICK DISCREET CHECK WITH AECL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SPENT THE MOST TIME IN ARGENTINA OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS REVEALS THAT TECHNICALLY TRAINED CANADIANS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ALWAYS EXPOSED TO EZEIZA ON BASIS AND UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH PRECLUDED THEIR GETTING A DETAILED LOOK AT REACTOR OR CHEMPROCESSING PLANT CONSTRUCTION. THEY WERE ALWAYS TAKEN OUT LATE IN THE DAY FOR A BARBEQUE AT GUEST HOUSE, AND IN RETROSPECT FIND IT STRANGE SINCE THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINES COVERED THE WHOLE FUEL CYCLE AND ARGENTINES SHOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE KNOWN THAT ANY GOOD TECHNICAL MAN ALWAYS LIKES TO SEE ANOTHER PLANT EVEN
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IF HE HAS SEEN A HUNDRED LIKE IT BEFORE. ALSO, CANADIANS WERE

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NOT REPEAT NOT STEERED AWAY FROM INTIMATE DETAIL ON OTHER
ARGENTINE FACILITIES.

3. IN PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION, WE WISH TO STRESS THAT IT DOES
NOT NECESSARILY PROVE ANYTHING BUT IT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO
UNDERSTANDING OVER ALL SITUATION.
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